

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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November 6, 2007

6:00p.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Jerry Wasserman at 6:00 p.m. at the Stephen Palmer Center. Also present were Mr. Jim Healy, Mr. Dan Matthews, Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Jack Cogswell, Assistant Town Manager Dave Davison, Assistant Town Manager Chris Coleman, Director of Public Works Rick Merson, Town Engineer Tony Del Gaizo and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

6:00 p.m. *Chestnut Street Project* – Mr. Del Gaizo and Mr. Merson explained the proposed Chestnut Street project and related design features. A public hearing will be scheduled this winter. Mr. Del Gaizo and Mr. Merson left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Center at Ridge Hill – The Board discussed the senior center project. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Council on Aging, and then hold a public hearing to receive feedback on the Ridge Hill site and all other possible sites. The Board determined that a full review of all of the options was needed. After the public hearing, the staff and Board will vet all of the ideas, after which we will explore hiring a consultant to review program and space needs and recommend three or four viable options. The Board also discussed the pros and cons of appointing an advisory committee to review options and make recommendations. It was agreed that no decision would be made on the idea of a committee until later in the process.

With respect to the Home Rule petition for the transfer of land at Ridge Hill, the Board agreed that the Chairman and the Town Manager are authorized to accept a technical correction to the petition that does not compel the Town to take any action.

8:35 p.m. **Motion: Mr. Matthews moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, or to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel., not to return to open session prior to adjourning. Mr. Cogswell seconded the motion. Mr. Wasserman polled the Board. Unanimous: 5-0.**

Note: The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.